



# BAGPIPES *EXTRA Edition*

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## ON THE DOWN

*Laurie Lo*

At a weekend obedience trial, while we were all hiding from our dogs on the out-of-sight downs, a highly respected and very successful obedience trainer (of Goldens) remarked that she wish that the AKC would get rid of the long downs and the long sits. Why? "Because when a dog develops a problem with either one, it is very difficult to correct." I stared at her incredulously and told her that I really liked the exercises. The competitor gave me a dirty look.

DOWN is the one command that can save your dogs life. Imagine...you open your front door to get your morning newspaper. Your Bearded follows you out into the front yard, just as an early morning commuter drives his car past your home. Mr. Bearded takes off after the car. You yell "down" and your dog drops like a stone and stays in place. You casually saunter to your dog, grab him by the collar and walk him back into the house. Disaster averted.

Our dog's working ancestors were able to down and hold that down when required. Several weekends ago, I sent out Zeal to fetch the sheep. I needed Zeal to bring them all into the barn so that I could sort out a few for sale. As I disappeared into the barn, I commanded Zeal to DOWN, even though I couldn't see him. With all the obedience behind my dog, I figured that it was time to trust him with a REAL job. Zeal held his down while the sheep calmly followed me into the barn.

So, why don't we insist that our dogs learn how to down and how hold that down "no matter what?" Do we not have confidence in our Beardedies? Teaching a reliable down takes a bit of doing. But it is worth the effort. The AKC competitive obedience down-on-recall and out-of-sight down are honest measures of real world obedience.

## NEW HERDING TITLES

### AHBA

HCT-s (Feb 10, 2014)

Marjac's Misty Skies, Owned by Linda & James Leek

### AKC

Advanced Course A Ducks Master (Oct 26, 2013)

DC Pentangle's Captain Jack BN RE HSAdS HSBd HIAdS

HIBd HXBd HXAdM AX AXJ MXF, owned by Joanne Williamson

## THERAPY

*Debby Furlow*

The AKC is changing their Therapy Dog Program beginning July 1st, 2014. There will be four new titles.

Therapy Dog Program - Additional Titles for Lifetime Engagement

- Therapy Dog Novice (THDN)  
To earn the Therapy Dog Novice title = minimum of 10 visits.
- Therapy Dog Advanced (THDA)  
To earn the Therapy Dog Advanced title = minimum of 100 visits.
- Therapy Dog Excellent (THDX)  
To earn the Therapy Dog Excellent title = minimum of 200 visits.
- Distinguished Therapy Dog (THDD)  
To earn the Distinguished Therapy Dog title = minimum of 400 visits.

Titles will begin being processed on July 1, 2014. Visitations back to January 1, 2000 can be used to fulfill the requirement for these titles.

Any THD teams with 100 visits or more will be able to apply for the new titles. Any dog with a current THD title and less than 100 visits will automatically have the THDN title. I have records of all visits submitted since 2007 and will be happy to send them to you.

And the best news-Therapy is now a recognized part of BCCA versatility!!! Thanks to the Board for passing the following motion.

Motion to amend SR 9.9.2, The Versatility Award. A bearded collie that has earned three titles that are maintained in the dog's AKC permanent record in three of the following six areas is eligible for a Versatility Award: Conformation, Obedience/Rally, Tracking, Herding, Agility, Miscellaneous (THD, Flyball, Barnhunt or Coursing Ability.)

Members who own dogs that qualify for this award must apply to the Versatility Awards Committee and present verification of titles.

2013 hours are due to Debby Furlow (df211@msn.com) by August 1st

## FOOLS FOR AGILITY

*Libby Myers-Buhite*

Happy 17th Anniversary to the Beardie Agility Diehards! It seems very apt that April Fools' Day is our name day, since we are "Fools for Agility." Our bearded agility on-line group started on March 14, 1997 after Beth Canner, our BCCA agility chair and AKC judge, welcomed me to the BCCA agility committee and set me the task of searching out our NADAC and USDAA beardedies, so that we would have the full agility picture. In the process, many of those I contacted in the USA and Canada felt that they would like to be in touch with one another. There was such interest that we wanted to form our own group identity as bearded agility enthusiasts. Within a week we held a contest to "Name That Line." On March 18 Karen Drummond suggested BAD as our name; we loved the acronym, and Gretchen Blackburn improvised on the theme with about 20 possible ways to define ourselves. We seized on the name Beardie Agility Diehards and began to lead our BAD lives on 1 April 1997. Since then we have grown from 33 members and 38 beardedies to 241 members and 511 beardedies!

In September of 1997 we unveiled our logo at the national specialty in Rohnert Park, California by sporting our new BAD T-shirts, designed, printed, and distributed by Gretchen "the Grape" Blackburn, who will be forever christened in our minds by the grape juice which purpled her from head to foot after our specialty Grape Stomp. Also at the specialty I met with Karen Norteman, who designed our incredible website for us, gave me one website lesson, and turned it over to me as my life's work!

Our very first BAD dinner was organized by Christiana Taylor at the 1999 Specialty in Olympia, Washington. Since then, we have held annual BAD Awards dinners to get to know fellow agility enthusiasts and to honor the accomplishments of our BAD Members. Starting at the 2002 National Specialty in Monterey, California, BAD has sponsored the Diehard Trophy, designed by Chet Jezierski.

It is presented annually at the BCCA awards dinners to the agility beardedie with the highest AKC accomplishments. We truly appreciate Joanne Williamson, who has done all of the AKC statistics for the BCCA and BAD since 1997, making agility Awards possible.

The BAD Website, designed by Karen, was launched January 1, 1998. It included a lot of "BAD Advice," poetry and stories, as well as agility statistics for all BAD member beardedies. We spent a lot of time celebrating what it was like doing agility, back when all of us were newbies! It now has a large BCCA section of Awards, Reports, and National Specialty agility events. Currently 688 agility beardedies are hosted there. Of these, 458 are BAD beardedies from the USA and Canada, and 53 are BAD beardedies from Abroad.

Since we premiered our Website, we have received several "star site" awards:

On 1 January 1998, after only 12 hours on the Web, we received the following message from Mary Jo Sminkey, of the premier, all-inclusive agility website, Dogpatch: "I love it! What a great site, you should be very proud! Right now I have it marked with a "New" icon so people will know it's a new page, but it will get a Star once the New icon comes off. Which also qualifies you to display the Dogpatch Star Site award, which is attached to this message. Congrats on your first site award, you deserve it!"

A few days later I heard from Bud Houston, then of Clean Run: "I've found the coolest agility web site in cyberspace. You MUST go check it out! I hope more performance dog sites approach their web presence with such creativity and humor. I've known for a long time that beardedies are quite special. I had an agility student about ten years ago with a beardedie that weaved so very fast, and learned to do so in only about two weeks. In those days we didn't realize how fast weave poles could be done. But these days when I train my dog I train for the performance of that beardedie so many years ago. I'm waiting for one of this breed to take it all in national competition." (Leslie Dawson's North's Chase was the first beardedie to place at an AKC Nationals, held in Atlanta 1998, where she finished 4th in the 20" division. Leslie's Heather was chosen to represent Canada at the 2004 International Agility Championships in Italy where she placed 19th in the world. Karen Barratt's Miller won the 20" Class of 109 dogs at the 2011 AKC/Eukanuba Invitational.)

Sandi Dremel of the Dog Infomat wrote: "BAD was founded by Libby Myers-Buhite, out of a desire to network beardedie people who were active in agility. While geared toward beardedie owners and enthusiasts, the site provides a nice model for other clubs and organizations who may want to develop user friendly and informative websites. 3 Stars."

Our BAD Website won first place at the 1999 BCCA Nationals both from the Specialty Website Judge, Scott Gormley, and Peoples' Choice. Kudos to Karen Norteman who designed the prototype and Gretchen Blackburn who designed our logo!

BAD continues to be an on-line group. In our early years, as we were discovering the joys of internet communication, we were graciously hosted by Jim Cooper on his beardedie list, but as agility enthusiasm and volume built, I started a Yahoo e-mail list for beardedie agility enthusiasts. Since January of 2000 we have grown to 286 members.

Though we are international in our scope, we work closely with the BCCA agility committee and awards chair. We also send in agility stories and statistics to the Beardie Bulletin, where we receive great support for our activities from Lillian Esposito, the editor. We are well known to the AKC agility department, to USDAA, NADAC, and CPE, who are very appreciative of our agility beardedies.

Over the last seventeen years, I have really enjoyed coming to know so many of you and look forward to many more years of being BAD!

## BRAGGIN' RIGHTS

*Sharon Domier*

### **Britannia Listen To Your Heart CD BN RE, George**

You never know what you are going to get on any given day with George. On some days he will give you a near perfect performance while on other days he can act like he has no clue. One thing is for sure, he is very much loved no matter what the day!

George earned his last leg of his CD on his 7th birthday! What a present for all of us since this title was over three years in the making. We often joked through our frustration that George was a "one leg a year" dog. Several mishaps during the sits and downs during the years including thunderstorms, dog fights, trialing near a rifle range, and golf carts beeping on back-up have made it necessary to counter condition and desensitize George to those noises. It has taken lots of sweat, tears and training but we finally accomplished that ever-elusive CD title! Everything else from here on will be a piece of cake!

George is owned, trained, and thoroughly appreciated by Audrey Woods and Megan Woods of Irvington, NY.

## AKC NEW TITLES

*February 2014*

**Champion**, CH Britannia Not How You Say Tart BN RN TD, B, DN23179902, 22-Feb-14, CH Diotima Sea Eagle ex CH Britannia Never Look Back RA NA NAJ NF, Michele Ritter & Chet Jezierski

**Champion**, CH Britannia Sebring Happy Days, D, DN28075006, 15-Feb-14, GCH CH Farmarens Highland Piper RN ex CH Britannia Nip 'N The Air RA, Kathryn Zeschin & Michele Ritter & Kirsten Andreassend

**Champion**, CH Highland's Miss Jane Austen, B, DN27179406, 16-Feb-14, GCH CH Nonesuch Arlin Green 'N Gold RN ex CH Highland Yankee Doodle Dandy, Joseph Dupont & Lillian Esposito & Kathryn Cullen Dupont

**Champion**, CH Scott's Glamor Girl, B, DN35490202, 15-Feb-14, GCH CH Brigadoon Showstopper At Scott ex GCH CH Scott Ragtime You Are The Music In Me, Carol Wathen & Jorge Olivera & Susan Olivera & Thomas Wathen

**Companion Dog**, Brandmar Jenuwin Unforgettable Fire CD RN OA AXJ NF, B, DN29438501, 15-Feb-14, CH Brandmar's Raising A Ruckus At Aydindryl RN HT ex CH Brandmar Motlikru Envy Of All RN, Karen J Reed

**Obedience Master 1**, Cameron Sugarland Express UDX OM1 RN MX MXS MXJ MJG XF, B, DN17495101, 15-Feb-14, CH Britannia Back To The Future VCD1 RE PT AX MXJ ex CH Cameron's Earth Angel HT, Jill Scarborough

**Beginner Novice**, Bardmoor Back To Before BN CGC, B, DN29505301, 2-Feb-14, CH Motlikru Buaidh Ever After RA ex Bardmoor Bibidi Bobidi Boo, Gail Marantz Romine & Steven Turner

**Beginner Novice**, CH Bardmoor Basket Case BN CGC, D, DN26510201, 1-Feb-14, CH Motlikru Buaidh Ever After RA ex CH Stonebay Merriment At Bardmoor, Gail Marantz Romine & Steven Turner

**Rally Novice**, April Gold's Double Dawg Dare Ya BN RN, D, DN31449802, 15-Feb-14, Nonesuch Aprilgold Taken By Surprise ex April Gold Coming Up Daisies, Karen Allen

**Rally Novice**, April Gold's Double Your Pleasure BN RN, B, DN31449801, 16-Feb-14, Nonesuch Aprilgold Taken By Surprise ex April Gold Coming Up Daisies, Karen Allen

**Rally Novice**, Brandmar Jenuwin Unforgettable Fire CD RN OA AXJ NF, B, DN29438501, 15-Feb-14, CH Brandmar's Raising A Ruckus At Aydindryl RN HT ex CH Brandmar Motlikru Envy Of All RN, Karen J Reed

**Rally Advanced**, CH Brandmar Come Fly With Me RA MX MXJ MXPB MJP3 MJPB PAX OF OFP, D, DN21525902, 16-Feb-14, CH Rallentando Taylor Made PT ex CH Ramsgrove Well Travelled, Karen J Reed

**Master Agility Excellent**, GCH CH Spindrift Bend It Like Beckham PT MX MXJ XF T2B, D, DN25590006, 1-Feb-14, CH Nonesuch H' Air Jordan RN ex CH Spindrift Something About Mary CD BN RA PT MX MXJ MJB XF T2B, Ms. Shannon K Smart

**Master Bronze Agility**, CH Estrella Theres A Breeze Allaround HT MX MXB MXJ MJB, B, DN26177203, 28-Feb-14, CH MACH8 Colquhoun's No Time To Relax RN MXB3 MJG3 MXF MFB TQX ex CH After Dark Seventh Star RN AX MXJ OF, Andrea Hobe & Jennifer Scheytt

**Master Silver Agility**, CH Wigglesworth's Party Favor HSAs HSBd HIAs HXAd HXAsM MX MXS MXJ MJB NAP NF, B, DL91825502, 13-Feb-14, CH Wynsum Braveheart Of Mine RN AX AXJ ex CH Wigglesworth Emme On Line, Terry Manganiello & Sharon Ipser

**Master Silver Agility**, CH MACH Wynsum Queen Of Diamonds N' The Ruff BN RE PT MXS MJS MXF T2B, B, DN21785705, 1-Feb-14, CH Balidorn Continue In Style ex CH Wynsum Diamonds Are Forever RN AX AXJ, Deborah Alexander & Carol J Carlsen

**Master Agility Excellent Preferred 3**, CH Brandmar Come Fly With Me RA MX MXJ MXP3 MXPB MJP3 MJPB PAX OF OFP, D, DN21525902, 22-Feb-14, CH Rallentando Taylor Made PT ex CH Ramsgrove Well Travelled, Karen J Reed

**Master Agility Excellent Preferred 3**, GCH CH Brynmar's My Love RN MX AXJ MXP3 MXPB MJP2 MJPB NF, D, DN03017304, 14-Feb-14, CH Brandmar N Chelsic Bond James Bond OA AXJ OAP AJP THD ex CH Chelsic N Brandmar High Altitude NA OAJ, Betty Jo Walker

**Novice Agility Jumper**, Kincurran's Gem Of My Heart PT NAJ, D, DN28870602, 22-Feb-14, CH Britannia Back To The Future VCD1 RE PT AX MXJ ex Darrowby's Return To Sender, Robin Fortenberry

**Novice Agility Jumper**, Skyedance I've Got No Strings On Me NAJ NAP NJP, D, DN33905403, 2-Feb-14, CH Risa To The Spindrift Spirit PT ex Skyedance A Lark Ascending BN RE HT AX MXJ NAP NJP OF NFP, Sarah Halsey & Douglas Halsey

**Open Agility Jumper**, Shadowfax's Lone Star Belle OA OAJ, B, DN33556002, 8-Feb-14, CH Brynmar's Take My Breath Away RN HT OA AXJ OF ex CH Brandmar Happy Singing Dancing RN, John Youngblood

**Master Excellent Jumper**, Lanark's B Is For Bounce AX MXJ OAP AJP, B, DN21678202, 9-Feb-14, CH Thymewinds Hocus Pocus RN PT ex CH Lanark's Whyme Nightfire, Tracy Corey & Don Corey

**Master Bronze Jumper**, O'Duinnin Celebration Ale RE PT AX MXJ MJB XF T2B, B, DN08287002, 15-Feb-14, CH MACH2 O'Duinnin HMT A Bud For Boo MXC MJS2 ex O'Duinnin Oh Darlin' Desiree MX MXJ MJB, Libby Myers-Buhite & Jack Buhite

**Master Bronze Jumper**, CH Wynsum Perpetual Motion BN RN MX MXB MXJ MJB XF, D, DN18491502, 15-Feb-14, CH Tailwind Papaw Zippity Do Dah ex CH Wynsum Charming Reflection AX AXJ, Bill Raguse & Carol J Carlsen & Bobbie Raguse

**Master Silver Jumper**, MACH Ha'Penny Harwood Ode To Choi MXS MJS OAP OJP, B, DN19444804, 8-Feb-14, CH Ha'Penny Hixpac In Focus ex CH Ha'Penny Touge Moi Bay B, Tracy Corey

**Master Silver Jumper**, CH Lil' Clove Hello Poppet CD RE HSAs MX MXB MXJ MJS NF CGCA, B, DN15881104, 16-Feb-14, CH MACH Merewoods Ny State Of Mind CDX RE HSAs MXB MJB MJP NF CGCA ex CH Malakar Oreo Speedwagon RE, Trudy Wisner & Chelsea Wisner

**Master Silver Jumper**, O'Duinnin Heart In Motion MX MXB MXJ MJS XF T2B, B, DN22882102, 22-Feb-14, CH MACH8 Colquhoun's No Time To Relax RN MXB3 MJG3 MXF MFB TQX ex O'Duinnin Joli Goes Platinum CD RE PT MX MXS MXJ MJS OAP NJP OF, Carol Hegg

**Master Silver Jumper**, CH MACH Wigglesworth Super Smooth Operator MXB MJS AXP AJP OF, D, DN32017902, 2-Feb-14, CH MACH14 Wigglesworth Super Sonic CD RN MXC4 MJS5 NAP NJP MXF MFS TQX ex CH Wigglesworth Sobe Wonder Girl NAJ XF, Sharon and Jeff Ipser

**Master Excellent Jumper Preferred 3**, GCH CH Brynmar's My Love RN MX AXJ MXP3 MXPB MJP3 MJPB NF, D, DN03017304, 16-Feb-14, CH Brandmar N Chelsic Bond James Bond OA AXJ OAP AJP THD ex CH Chelsic N Brandmar High Altitude NA OAJ, Betty Jo Walker

**Master Gold Jumper Preferred**, CH MACH PACH Britannia Flashback CD RAE HSAs HSBd HIAds HXAds MXS MJG MXP5 MXPS MJP7 MJPG PAX MXF MFP MFPB TQXP T2BP, D, DN01862602, 16-Feb-14, CH Britannia Back To The Future VCD1 RE PT AX MXJ ex CH Britannia Say Goodnite Gracie, Joanne M Williamson

**Agility FAST Novice**, After Dark Estrella Six Pack AX MXJ MJB NF CGC, D, DN26177207, 8-Feb-14, CH MACH8 Colquhoun's No Time To Relax RN MXB3 MJG3 MXF MFB TQX ex CH After Dark Seventh Star RN AX MXJ OF, Karen Barratt

**Agility FAST Open**, CH Estrella's Orion The Dark Hunter OA OAJ OF CGC, D, DN32083002, 21-Feb-14, GCH CH Highlander He Shoots He Scores RA HT OA AXJ NF ex CH After Dark Seventh Star RN AX MXJ OF, Jennifer W Phillips

**Master Bronze FAST**, CH MACH Wynsum Queen Of Diamonds N' The Ruff BN RE PT MXS MJS MXF MFB T2B, B, DN21785705, 28-Feb-14, CH Balidorn Continue In Style ex CH Wynsum Diamonds Are Forever RN AX AXJ, Deborah Alexander & Carol J Carlsen

**Preferred Agility Champion 2**, CH MACH PACH2 Britannia Flashback CD RAE HSAs HSBd HIAds HXAds MXS MJG MXP5 MXPS MJP7 MJPG PAX2 MXF MFP MFPB TQXP T2BP, D, DN01862602, 23-Feb-14, CH Britannia Back To The Future VCD1 RE PT AX MXJ ex CH Britannia Say Goodnite Gracie, Joanne M Williamson

**Preferred Agility Excellent 2**, CH MACH PACH2 Britannia Flashback CD RAE HSAs HSBd HIAds HXAds MXS MJG MXP5 MXPS MJP7 MJPG PAX2 MXF MFP MFPB TQXP T2BP, D, DN01862602, 23-Feb-14, CH Britannia Back To The Future VCD1 RE PT AX MXJ ex CH Britannia Say Goodnite Gracie, Joanne M Williamson

**Herding Advanced Course A Ducks Master**, DC Pentangle's Captain Jack BN RE HSAs HSBd HIAds HIBd HXBd HXAdM AX AXJ MXF, D, DN20787705, 26-Oct-13, CH Pentangle's Sam-I-Am ex CH Pentangle's Synchronicity RA HSAs HSBd HIAds HXAd, Joanne M Williamson

**Time 2 Beat 2**, O'Duinnin Celebration Ale RE PT AX MXJ MJB XF T2B2, B, DN08287002, 23-Feb-14, CH MACH2 O'Duinnin HMT A Bud For Boo MXC MJS2 ex O'Duinnin Oh Darlin' Desiree MX MXJ MJB, Libby Myers-Buhite & Jack Buhite

**Canine Good Citizen**, CH Gemineye America's Heartthrob CGC, D, DN33587701, 3-Feb-14, GCH CH Talamore Last Comic Standing ex CH Meadows' Emerald At Gemineye OA OAJ, Meg Naylor